PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: D. Isabella
Filed: February 15, 2002) Confirmation No.: 2841
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT)))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **VIA EFS-WEB**

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2007, the shortened statutory period for response expiring October 12, 2007, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.